

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS – DATED AUGUST 1, 2006
REISSUANCE OF NPDES PERMIT NO. NH0101311
CITY OF DOVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA-New England) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) solicited public comments from May 2, 2006 through May 31, 2006 on the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to be reissued to the City of Dover Wastewater Treatment Facility. This permit is for the discharge of treated domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater.

EPA-New England received one set of comments during the public notice (comment) period from the City of Dover dated May 26, 2006. The following is a list of the responses to those comments and any changes made to the public noticed permit as a result of those comments. A copy of the final permit may be obtained by writing or calling Dan Arsenault, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CMP), Boston, Massachusetts, 02114-2023; Telephone (617) 918-1562. Copies may also be obtained from <http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/index.html>.

Comments from the City of Dover

COMMENT NO. 1:

On April 28, 2006, a pH study was completed and submitted to the NHDES. The study was pursued to expand the facility's allowable effluent pH from 6.5 - 8.0 to 6.0 – 8.0. A letter from Mr. George Berlandi of the NHDES dated May 10, 2006 is provided supporting this request.

RESPONSE NO.1:

EPA has reviewed the May 10, 2006 letter from the NHDES and agrees that the pH range may be revised from 6.5 – 8.0 to 6.0 – 8.0 Standard Units. This change has been made in the permit.

COMMENT NO. 2:

In Part 1.A Explanation of Footnotes, it states in #2 “That influent concentrations of both BOD₅ and TSS shall be monitoring twice per month (2/Month) using a 24 hour composite sample and the results reported as average monthly values.” The City wants to know if this should read twice per week.

RESPONSE NO. 2:

The required monitoring frequency for influent BOD₅ and TSS is twice per month.

COMMENT NO. 3:

The City of Dover wants clarification that the permit will become effective 60 days after the date of signature.

RESPONSE NO. 3:

The City is correct. The permit will become effective 60 days from the date of signature.